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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7084

BILL NUMBER: HB 1363

DATE PREPARED: Jan 6, 1999

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Uniforms for Public School.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill would allow the governing body of a school corporation to adopt and to implement a school uniform policy for the school corporation in kindergarten through grade 12. It would allow a parent to apply for and to receive for the parent's child, an exemption from wearing a school uniform. It would require a school corporation to establish a program to assist students who are eligible for free or reduced price school lunches in obtaining free or reduced price school uniforms.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill would allow the governing body of a school corporation to adopt and to implement a uniform policy that designates a school uniform for students in kindergarten through grade 12. This bill would also allow a parent to apply for and to receive for the parent's child, an exemption from wearing a school uniform.

Local school corporations would incur a minimal administrative cost associated with the following provisions of this bill: 1) consultation with teachers, principals, parents, students, community organizations, and vendors regarding the school uniform policy and school uniform; 2) holding a public hearing on the proposed school uniform policy and school uniform; 3) drafting the proposed school uniform policy; and 4) providing a written notice to parents of students required to wear a school uniform. These costs would be covered under school corporation existing budgets, and would vary from school corporation to school corporation.

This bill makes no appropriation, and does not allow a school corporation to use existing or future funds

generated by state or local taxes for free or reduced school uniforms. It would, however, allow a school corporation to use gifts and donations from individuals and/or organizations to defray school uniform costs of students who are eligible for free or reduced school lunch. Consequently, there would be no required costs to the school corporation to furnish school uniforms.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Local School Corporations.

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